

## WHS Book Rationale

Title: The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Author: Stephen Chbosky

- **Intended Audience**
  - English 9 and Honors English 9
  
- **Brief summary and educational significance**
  - An adolescent boy starts his freshmen year of high school as an outcast.
  - Charlie writes letters that show his journey from a loner to a person with friends.
  - Through the journal the reader learns about several tragedies that have happened to him, his family and his friends.
  - By the end of the novel, Charlie is looking forward to his first day as a sophomore.
  
- **Purpose of teaching the work and how it will be used**
  - Teach point of view, theme, plot elements, imagery/symbolism, empathy
  - Expose and discuss students to epistolary writing
  - inspire love of reading
  - explore relevant connections to high school life such as social issues
  
- **Potential problems**
  - Profanity, pedophilia, physical abuse, suicide, drug use, underage drinking, date rape, homophobia, teen pregnancy, masturbation
  
- **Addressing potential problems**
  - Provide opportunities to discuss choices and consequences for actions
  - Provide opportunities to discuss the importance of speaking out if someone is sexually assaulted
  - Allow opportunities to write about personal connections with the text
  - Allow opportunities to discuss high school dynamics, stereotyping, judging